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Requirements for 25X1A2g

Background: Generally lagging behind other European Satellites, East Germany is apparently about to initiate some overt civil defense preparations. Premier Grotewohl, for example, in a recent speech stated that countermeasures to West German rearming would include air raid protection for the population. (It is believed, however, that some initial steps have been taken under the guise of fire-defense, paramilitary, first-aid and "catastrophe" training.) There has been some recent mention of an East German civil defense law.

Requirements: It is requested that East German publications be exploited for articles which may appear to contain civil defense interest. Such items include the following:

1. Weapons information--description and characteristics of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.
2. Organizations linked to civil defense such as:
 - a. Ministry of Interior, police and fire guard.
 - b. Red Cross
 - c. Paramilitary organizations--Kampfguppen and the GST.
 - d. Active air defense and military air warning.
3. Training in non-military groups:
 - a. Air and chemical defense training
 - b. First-aid training
 - c. Training of auxiliary firemen
 - d. Factory air raid exercises
 - e. Blackouts and air raid drills
 - f. Utility repairs (rail, roads, water, communications, other)
4. Tactical information:
 - a. Warning signals
 - b. Behaviour instructions for the population
 - c. Activity of rescue, fire-fighting and other civil defense crews in an attack situation.
 - d. Alert stations of civil defense crews.

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5. Shelter availability, types, specifications, plans if they appear.

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Information similar to the above has been extracted and published from the daily and paramilitary press of other Sovbloc countries by [REDACTED]. These have appeared in the military information series on the USSR and on Eastern Europe while some have been made the subject of separate reports. Similar coverage of East German civil defense would be desirable.

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